Delete Cookies Smart Card

Introduction

Web cookies hide in your computer so that your browser and websites can track your browsing sessions and save certain useful information, such as account names and passwords, for later retrieval. Although cookies may seem harmless overall, they can threaten your privacy if an attacker tries to use them maliciously.

Because of that threat, most modern browsers make cookie storage easy to understand and control. They also make it simple to remove individual website cookies, or even to delete cookies from your computer entirely. Here's how you can perform the latter task in some of the most popular browsers.

Delete Cookies in Internet Explorer

Note: Much will depend upon your operating system and its version as to the precision of these instructions that are just one example from one version of IE on Windows OS.

- 1. Upgrade to the latest version of Internet Explorer. Select the *Tools* menu from the Internet Explorer window, and click *Delete Browsing History*.
- 2. In the Delete Browsing History window, check the box next to *Cookies*. You can uncheck everything else if you want to remove only cookies.
- From here you can choose which parts of your browsing history to erase.
- 3. Click *Delete* to remove all cookies stored in Internet Explorer.

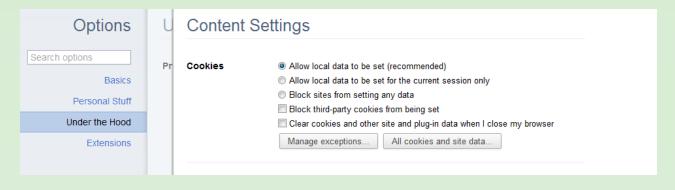
 Congratulations, you've successfully cleaned out your browser's cookie cabinet. Although cookie files pose a potential threat to privacy, don't forget that they can also improve your Web browsing by making it faster and more convenient.



Delete Cookies in Google Chrome

- 1. If you're running Google Chrome version 14 or higher, click the wrench button in the upper-right corner of the Chrome window. From there, select *Options*.
- 2. In the navigation pane of the Options page, click Under the Hood.
- 3. Under the Privacy section, click *Content Settings*. Click the 'All cookies and site data' button in the Content Settings window.
- 4. Under the Cookies section, click *All cookies and site data*.
- 5. When the list of cookies appears, click the *Remove All* button to delete all cookies stored in Chrome.

 Alternatively, you can navigate to the Cookies section of your Chrome browser and click the *Remove All* button to delete all cookies in one fell swoop.

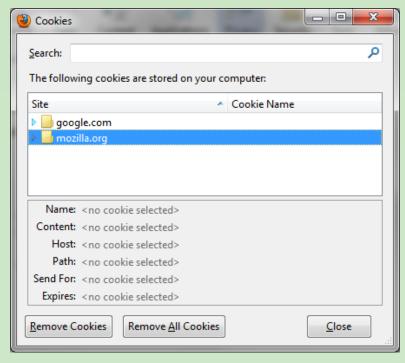


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Delete Cookies in Firefox

Note: Screens and steps may vary depending upon the version of Firefox and the OS used. This is one example of a Firefox version with a Windows OS.

- 1. Make sure you are running the latest version of Firefox browser, and the select *Tools* from the Firefox menu. From there, select *Options*.
- 2. Click the *Privacy* tab to bring up your user-privacy options.
- 3. Under the History section, click the *Remove Individual Cookies* link. Click the Remove All Cookies button to zap them.
- 4. At the bottom of the Cookies window that appears, click the *Remove All Cookies* button to delete all cookies associated with your Firefox browser.



Delete Cookies in Safari

1. Confirm that you're running version 5 or later of Apple's Safari browser and then click the Gears menu in the upper-right corner of the Safari window. From there, select *Reset Safari*.

In this window, check the bottom box, 'Remove all website data'.



- 2. Check the bottom box, labeled Remove all website data. You can uncheck everything else if you want to remove only cookies.
- 3. Click the Reset button to eliminate all cookies associated with Safari.